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Empire Day

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"As I see it, the most significant development of the past year has been the everyday application of this goodwill in our outlook and our policy.

It is on such qualities that the foundation of national, as well as personal life are laid—unshakable sanity, invincible patience, and tireless goodwill."

From "The King's Message" broadcast to his People throughout the Empire, Christmas, 1933.

Department of Education
Ontario

Greetings
from
The Minister of Education

THROUGH *the observance of Empire Day, there is given to every teacher the opportunity and privilege of instilling in the minds of his pupils some realization of the great principles for which the British Empire has stood through the centuries.*

It is a day on which every British subject should reverently remember that his Empire has stood before the world as the champion of freedom and fair play; that its people, in every crisis, have met the challenge of duty and responsibility; that, at the call of King and Country, there have never been lacking those who have willingly "left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their lives that others might live"; that these same qualities have been displayed also in time of peace; and that, through the exercise of these virtues, they have heroically faced the stupendous problems of the present depression, and have been the first of all the nations to give promise of emerging from these difficulties triumphantly.

GEO. S. HENRY,
Minister of Education

Suggestions for Programmes

THE CHARACTER of the programme to be used in the observance of Empire Day is very definitely laid down in the General Regulations, Public and Separate Schools. The Regulation referred to reads as follows:

> "Empire Day, the last school day before the 24th of May, shall be duly celebrated in every school; the forenoon being devoted to a study of the greatness of the British Empire, and the afternoon to public addresses, recitations, music, etc., of a patriotic character."

Material for this programme may be obtained from patriotic selections in The Ontario Readers, from the Public School Geography, and from Empire Day Booklets of former years.

Additional material may also be found in such books as "The Canadian Flag-Day Book" (Longmans, Green, Toronto), and "Class-room Plays from Canadian History" (J. M. Dent & Sons, Toronto).

Little books containing suitable drills and exercises for this occasion are published by The Educational Publishing Company, 36 Shuter Street, Toronto; and teachers interested should write to this firm for catalogues.

"The New Educational Music Course" — Teachers' Edition, by A. T. Cringan (Canada Publishing Company, Toronto), contains many songs suitable for the occasion.

It is assumed that the public will be invited to these Empire Day exercises, and that representative persons in the community will be asked to give short addresses on the subject of the Empire.

God Save the King

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King,
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour;
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
"God save the King."

Our loved Dominion bless
With peace and happiness
From shore to shore;
And let our Empire be
United, loyal, free,
True to herself and Thee
For evermore.